THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No Sir. The utilization of foreign exchange reserves to fund infrastructure projects is one of the possible options but no concrete plan has peen finalized.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Plans for Groundwater

1544. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has drawn a plan for conservation, augmentation, exploration and regulation of the groundwater in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps expected to be taken by the State and the Central Governments and the local bodies in this regard; and

(d) how far the average groundwater level has gone down during the Ninth Plan and Tenth Plan period so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Water being a State subject, the planning, funding and development of water resources is the primary responsibility of the State Governments. The National Water Policy (2002) has advocated periodic reassessment of the groundwater potential, regulation of exploitation of ground water resources so as not to exceed the recharging possibilities and conjunctive use of surface and ground water resources. The Central Ground Water Board under the Ministry of Water Resources is assisting the State Governments in survey, planning and development of ground water resources, monitoring of groundwater levels and providing technical guidance to them and the local bodies for artificial recharge techniques. The Central Ground Water Authority has been constituted under the Environment (Protection) Act, (1986) to regulate indiscriminate boring and withdrawal of groundwater in the country and issue necessary regulatory directions with a view to preserve and protect the groundwater. The Central

Government has also circulated a model bill to the States to regulate and develop groundwater resources. So far, the Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Lakshwadeep, Pondicherry and Kerala have enacted legislation in this regard.

(d) The decline in groundwater level during pre-monsoon period during last 10 years (1995—2004), Statewise, is given in the Statement.

Statement

Parts of Districts showing decline in water levels during Pre-Monsoon period during last 10 years (1995-2004)

Sl. No.	State	Districts showing declining trends (more than 20 cm. Per year)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Adilabad, Anantapur, Chittoor, Cuddapah, East Godavari, Guntur, Hyderabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, Krishna, Kurnool, Mahbubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nellore, Nizamabad, Prakasam, Ranga Reddy, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Warangal, West Godavari
2.	Assam	Jorhat, Nagaon, Sonitpur
3.	Bihar	Bhagalpur, East Champaran, Munger, Muzaffarpur, Navada, Saharsa, Saran
4.	Chhatisgarh	Bastar, Bilaspur, Dhamtari, Durg, Janjgir-Champa, Kanker, Kawardah, Koriya, Mahasamund, Raigarh Raipur, Rajnandgaon, Surguja
5.	Delhi	New Delhi, North West, South West
6.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad, Amreli, Banashkantha, Bharuch, Bhavnagar, Dangs, Gandhinagar, Jamnagar, Junagarh, Kheda, Kutch, Mehsana, Panchmahal, Rajkot, Sabarkantha, Surat, Surendranagar, Vadodara, Valsad
7.	Haryana	Ambala, Bhiwani, Faridabad, Fatehabad, Gurgaon, Hissar, Jhajjar, Jind, Kaithal, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Mahendragarh, Panipat, Rewari, Rohtak, Sirsa, Sonipat
8.	Himachal Pradesh	Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Sirmur, Solan, Una

Sl. No.	State	Districts showing declining trends (more than 20 cm. Per year)
9.	Jharkhand	Dhanbad, Dumka, Hazaribagh, Lohardaga Pachhim Singhbhum, Palamu, Purvi Singhbhum, Ranchi
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu, Kathua, Rajouri, Udhampur
11.	Karnataka	Bagalkot, Bangalore, Belgaum, Bellary, Bihdar, Bijapur, Chamrajnagar, Chikmagalour, Chitradurga, Coorg, Dakshin Kannada, Dharwad, Gadag, Gulbarga, Hassan, Kaveri, Kolar, Koppal, Mandya, Mysore, Raichur, Shimoga, Tumkur, Uddupi, Uttar Kannada
12.	Kerala	Idduki, Kanoor, Kasargod, Kollam, Kottayam, Malluram, Palakkad, Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur, Wayanad
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Barwani, Balaghat, Betul, Bhind, Bopal, Chhatarpur, Chhindwara, Damoh, Datia, Dewas, Dhar, Dindhori, Guna, Gwalior, Harda, Hoshangabad, Indore, Jabalpur, Jhabua, Katni, Khandwa, Mandsaur, Morena, Mandla, Narsinghpur, Neemuch, Panna, Raisen, Rajgarh, Ratlam, Rewa, Sagar, Satna, Sehore, Seoni, Shahdol, Shajapur, Sheopur, Shivpuri, Sidhi, Takamgarh, Ujjain, Umaria, Vidisha, West Nimar
14.	Maharashtra	Ahmednagar, Akola, Amravati, Aurangabad, Beed, Bhandara, Buldana, Chandrapur, Dhule, Gadchiroli, Gondia, Hingoli, Jalgaon, Jalna, Kolhapur, Lature, Mumbai, Nagpur, Nanded, Nandurbar, Nashik, Osmanabad, Parbhani, Pune, Raigad, Ratnagiri, Sangli Satara, Sindhudurg, Solapur, Thane, Wardha, Washim, Yavatmal
15.	Orissa	Angul, Baleshwar, Bargarh, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Ganjam, Jaipur, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Koraput, Kendujhaar, Mayurbhanj, Nawapara, Phulbani, Puri, Rayagada, Sambalpur, Sundargarh

Sl. No.	State	Districts showing declining trends (more than 20 cm. Per year)
16.	Punjab	Amritsar, Bhatinda, Faridkot, Fatehgarh, Ferozepur, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Karpurthala, Ludhiana, Mansa, Moga, Nawashahar, Patiala, Ropar, Sangrur
17.	Rajasthan	Ajmer, Alwar, Banswara, Baran, Barmer, Bharatpur, Bhilwara, Bikaner, Bundi, Chittorgarh, Churu, Dausa, Dholpur, Dungarpur, Hanumangarh, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Jhalwar, Jhunjhunu, Jodhpur, Karauli, Kota, Nagaur, Pali, Rajsamand, Sawaimadhopur, Sikar, Sirohi, Tonk, Udaipur
18.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai, Coimbatore, Cuddalore, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Erode, Kancheepuram, Kanyakumari, Karaikal, Karur, Madurai, Namakkal, Milgiri, Perambalur, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Sivaganga, Thanjavur, Theni Tiruchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Thiruvallur, Tiruvannamalai, Tutucorin, Vellore, Vellupuram, Virudhanagar
19.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra, Aligarh, Allahabad, Auraiya, Azamgarh, Badaur, Baghpat, Ballia, Bijnor, Chandauli, Chitrakoot, Deoria, Etawah, Fatehpur, Gautam Budh Nagar, Ghaziabad, Gonda, Hamirpur, Hathras, Jalaun, Jhansi, Kanpur, Dehat, Kanpur Nagar, Lakhimpur Kheri, Lalitpur, Lucknow, Mahoba, Mathura, Meerut, Mirzapur, Pratapgarh, Saharanpur, Sitapur, Sultanpur, Unnao
20	Uttaranchal	Dehradun, Haridwar
21	West Bengal	Bankura, Birbhum, Haora, Hugli, East Medinipur, Malda, Murshidabad, Puruliya, South Twenty four Parganas, West Medinipur
22	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Dadra & Nagar Haveli
23	Pondicherry	Pondicherry